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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN ILO CONFERENCE

REF: GENEVA 3834

1. PANAMANIAN DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE, WHICH DEPARTED
MAY 29 FOR GENEVA, WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. GOVERNMENT: DR. JORGE E. RITTER, VICE-MINISTER OF
LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE; LICDO. JAIME JOVANE, OFFICE
OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL
WELFARE; LICDO. JOSE MJIJA ZTPINO, PANAMANIAN PERMREP IN
GENEVA; AND LICDO. AQUILINO VILLAMONTE, PANAMANIAN MISSION
IN GENEVA.

B. WORKER: ANGEL GOMEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL, NATIONAL
CENTRAL OF PAN-
AMANIAN WORKERS (CNTP, COMMUNIST-DOMINATED);
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JULIO CDRAR CNZON, SECRETARY GENERAL, ISTHMIAN WORKERS'
CENTRAL (CIT, CLAT-AFFILIATE); RODOLFO BENITEZ, SUB-
SECRETARY GENERAL, CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF PANAMA (CTRP, ORIT-AFFILIATE); CEFERINO RODRIGUEZ,
SECRETARY GENERAL, INDEPENDENT WORKERS FEDERATION
(INDEPENDENT).

C. EMPLOYER: ARISTIDES TYPALDOS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT,
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; ARQ. ANGEL BARNES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
CHAMBER OF CONSTRUCTION.

2. WORKER VOTE FOR PANAMA IN ILO CONFERENCE PLENARY ROTATES
ANNUALLY AMONG THE THREE PRINCIPAL CONFEDERATIONS. THIS
YEAR, ANGEL GOMEZ OF CNTP HOUSE VOTE. HE IS ALSO NOMINAL
SPONSOR OF PANAMANIAN RESOLUTION (REFTEL) ON CANAL ISSUE.
PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA, JOVANE GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO
LOCAL PRESS DEALING WITH THIS RESOLUTION. HE CALLED THE
RESOLUTION ONE OF A "POLITICAL CHARACTER", BUT SAID THAT
SUCH RESOLUTIONS WOULD--IF A PROPOSAL OF THE U.S. WERE
ACCEPTED--BE SUBJECT TO A "PURIFYING APPARATUS". IN THAT
CASE, JOVANE SAID, "NEITHER PANAMA, NOR THE ARABS, NOR
OTHER NATIONS CAN PRESENT THEIR PROBLEMS...THE INFLUENCE
OF THE UNITED STATES 'WEIGHT' IN THE ILO...ONLY WITH THE
ABSTENTION OF THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES IS IT POSSIBLE THAT
THE 'SMALL COMMITTEE' WILL BEGIN TO FUNCTION."

3. COMMENT: THE JOVANE INTERVIEW APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE
AND IN LOCAL PAPER MAY 29. ASIDE FROM A FEW BRIEF MENTIONS
OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE DELEGATION, THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER
LOCAL COVERAGE OR COMMENT ON THE ILO CONFERENCE. WHILE THE
ARTICLE SUMMARIZED THE PANAMANIAN RESOLUTION, THE TONE
OF JOVANE'S COMMENTS STRIKES US AS TAKING OUT INSURANCE--
I.E., PUTTING GOP IN A POSITION TO ATTRIBUTE ULTIMATE LACK OF
SUCCESS TO INTRA-IVV CONSIDERATIONS, RATHER THAN TO
INHERENT LACK OF MERIT OF THE RESOLUTION'S COMPLAINTS.
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